(ग) से (च) केन्द्रीय भूमिजल बोर्ड ने कृत्रिम भूजल के पुनर्भरण में राज्य सरकारों की सहायता करने के लिए एक केन्द्र प्रायोजित स्कीम तैयार की है । योजना पर संबंधित अभिकरणों से परामर्श किया जा रहा है । इसलिए, इस अवस्था में इसके कार्यान्वयन का प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Review of Sardar Sarovar Project

1905. SHRI G. G.SWELL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether review of Sardar Sarovar Project is untenable under Narmada Tribunal Award given to decades ago;

(b) whether it is all possible to change the design at this stage of its implementation; and

(c) whether any change or reduction in the height of the dam would deprive the prospects of availability of drinking water to more than 5000 villages of Kutch and Saurashtra chronically under the threat of famine and scarcity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) As per clause XVI of the Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal Award, parameters of the Sardar Sarovar Dam like its height for full reservoir level, maximum water level, etc., are subject to review at any time after a period of 45 years only from the date of publication of the decision of the Tribunal in the Official Gazette. The Award was published in the Official Gazette on 12-12-79 and as such these parameters can be review after the year 2024.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Farmers' participation in irrigation management

1906. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have taken any steps to encourage farmers' participation in irrigation management; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Union Ministry of Water Resources is providing Central assistance under Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme as management subsidy at the rate of Rs. 50 per hectare for the first 2 years and Rs. 37.50 per hectare for the 3rd year for the farmers' associations formed at minor level for taking over management of water distribution below minor level.

Central assistance is also admissible on matching basis with the States as grant for taking up farmers' training and undertaking action research programme in the command covered under the Central Sponsored Command Area Development Programme.

Rehabilitation of the oustees of the Polavaram Project

1907. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have issued any instructions to the Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding formulation of the rehabilitation and resettlement Plan for the tribal oustees of the Polavaram Project;

(b) if so, whether the said Plan has since been finalised; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Government has been advised by this Ministry to prepare and obtain clearance from Ministry of Welfare on Action Plan on rehabilitation & resettlement aspects of Polavaram project.

(b) No, Sir. The State Government has not submitted the above said Action Plan to the Ministry of Welfare.

(c) Does not arise.

Pending irrigation project proposals of Andhra Pradesh

1908. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the irrigation project proposals pending with the Central Government for clearance as on December, 31, 1994;

(b) the reasons for delay in according clearance; and

(c) the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Details of new Major & Medium Irrigation Schemes of Andhra Pradesh as on 31.12.1994 are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 89].

(b) and (c) The clearance of a project depends upon how soon the State Government complies with the observations of various Central Appraising Agencies and obtains forest/environment/rehabilitation and resettlement plans clerances as applicable.

Major and medium irrigation projects in Tamil Nadu

1909. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the major and medium irrigation projects of Tamil Nadu lagging behind their original schedule;

(b) the cost escalation as a result thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has sent any proposal to the Central Government seeking financial assistance for the completion of these projects during the remaining period of the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Time and cost overrun can be determined only in respect of approved projects. One medium and one Extension/Renovation/Modernisation Irrigation Projects of Tamil Nadu are lagging behind